

Resolution
on the
Reaffirmation Agreement
for
Sister City Affiliation
between
Washington, D.C.
and
Bangkok Metropolitan Administration



In recognition of the close and cordial ties of friendship between the Kingdom of Thailand and the United States of America that date back to 1833 when the Treaty of Amity and Commerce was signed between both nations, and in celebration of the upcoming 50th Anniversary of the Sister Cities Affiliation Resolution to further the traditional links of friendship between Bangkok, Thailand and Washington, D.C., the Honorable M.R. Sukhumbhand Paribatra, Governor of Bangkok, and the Honorable Vincent C. Gray, Mayor of the District of Columbia, do hereby reaffirm to the following:

Article 1

Both cities shall continue to support activities to promote economic cooperation, cultural ties, and educational exchanges between the two cities.

Article 2

Both cities shall explore and promote new business relations and investment opportunities through the exchange of information and ideas. In addition, both cities will facilitate support to business representatives in their commercial and business ventures between Bangkok and Washington, D.C., with a view to developing business and commercial collaboration, and will offer their services and expertise to entrepreneurs in both cities and countries.

Article 3

Both cities shall encourage and promote various exchange activities in the field of education by establishing contacts with institutions in the fields of science and technology, sports, health, youth development and other areas that will contribute to the further development of friendship between the people of our two cities.

Article 4

Both cities shall endeavor to consolidate the friendship and relationship between the two cities through promoting and exchanging cultural activities. Annual events in both cities will help to increase the knowledge and understanding of both cultures and people.

Article 5

Both cities agree to establish a joint and working Steering Committee that will promote and monitor the exchange of ideas and strategies; and will facilitate all planned and anticipated actions between both cities. To the extent possible, representatives from both cities will communicate regularly, and will report on progress and set new timetables and goals for future years.

Article 6

Both cities shall designate offices and appoint coordinators who will monitor the exchange of ideas and strategies; and who will help to facilitate timely communication between both cities. For the District of Columbia, the Office of the Secretary of the District of Columbia is designated as the office having oversight responsibility for the Agreement. For the City of Bangkok, Thailand, the

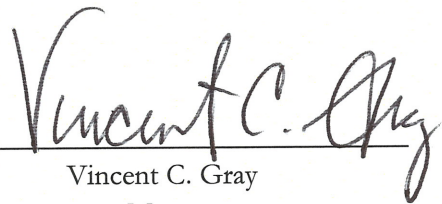
Permanent Secretary for the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration is the designated individual for this oversight responsibility. Both offices will report to the Executive Office of the Mayor and the Governor of Bangkok, respectively.

This Agreement will be implemented for a period of five years and will take effect on the date of its signature. This Agreement will be drawn up in two original copies in both the English and Thai language.

Signed in Washington, D.C. on May 18, 2012



M.R. Sukhumbhand Paribatra
Governor
Bangkok, Thailand



Vincent C. Gray
Mayor
District of Columbia